Re: Tow Trucks

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Thanks Dennis. Looking forward to it and hopefully Calgary and fort Mac are in play.

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Ray,

As of 3:00 today, the summary of resources available to the GoA for heavy lift/tow truck equipment includes:

- One flatbed trailer
- City of Edmonton: 1 tow truck (not yet deployed to the South)
- 9 sheriffs who have a Class 1 license and can operate a Tractor Trailer for the purposes of moving the same
- Information from Montana remains forthcoming

Further information on the avenues that have been explored across ministries is as follows:

- A working group with members from Transportation, JSG, MA, has been assembled to work on this issue.
- The working group currently has the list of the truck companies that were contacted by the RCMP and are working to re-engage these companies.
    - 35 of the 50 vendors have been contacted so far. One company is willing to provide a flatbed.
- The group is also investigating whether locksmiths can enter locked vehicles and produce ignition keys.
    - This approach appears possible but not feasible as it will require a full vehicle description and VIN number for each vehicle and then engaging dealerships to cut new keys, which is difficult given the geography.
- The working group has determined there are no tow trucks available for lease or purchase; there is a two year waiting list for these resources from the manufacturers.
- Other partners are being contacted for potential equipment including municipalities, industrial companies, airport authorities, etc.

AEMA

- AEMA does not maintain an inventory list of equipment that can move heavy equipment.
- Currently exploring resourcing out of Montana; awaiting further information at this time.

City of Calgary

- Currently exploring their ability to offer support as their services are also contracted.
- Available equipment from the city includes:
    - 7 large loaders;
    - 10 mid-sized loaders;
    - 2 cranes.
- Update: When this was discussed with their contractor, they made it clear they would not offer assistance.

City of Edmonton

- Edmonton International Airport does not have appropriate vehicles that could be made available.
- The city has offered one tow truck (decals removed) to assist.
- The RCMP advises they feel one tow truck will provide minimal value to the situation and may in fact inflame the protestors.
    - With last night's announcement, protestors attitudes, positions and decisions appear to be changing rapidly.
    - As a result, the tow truck has not yet been deployed to the south but may be as the situation evolves.

JSG

- 9 sheriffs members have been identified who have a Class 1 license and can operate a Tractor Trailer for the purposes of moving the same.

TRANSPORTATION

- Highway Maintenance Contractors have been contacted and do not have tow equipment or equipment large enough to move semis.
    - Graders or snowplows could be employed but modifications would likely be required to the equipment first.
- The situation is the same in Saskatchewan and British Columbia; they do not own tow trucks.

ENERGY

- Oil Sands resourcing has been explored to assist.
- Most of their heavy equipment resources are also contracted and not owned by the oil companies and are unwilling or unable to assist.

We will continue to work explore what options might be available to assist the RCMP.

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To expand on my earlier answer:

I have been in touch with the current chair of ARHCA (from PCL) as well as the current chair (from Carmacks) and past chair (from LaPrairie) of the Highway Maintenance Contractor group under ARHCA.

- Generally neither roadbuilders nor highway maintenance contractors have tow equipment or other equipment large enough to move semis easily, at least not to haul for any distance
- While they may have graders or snowplows (and maybe something else) that could theoretically move a semi – some of this equipment (i.e. snowplows) would likely need some modifications to do this for any distance
- They all indicated that to provide certainty of every piece of potential equipment, they would need to canvass all their members, but generally speaking their normal equipment that they use for our contracts are not likely the right types of equipment
- They also indicated that members may have affiliations through their broader companies or other businesses (unrelated to contracts with us) that may have equipment that may work, but again, they would need to canvass broadly to identify any other large equipment.
- One indicated that they believe there would be reluctance to engage, while another indicated he couldn't say for sure one way or another without asking members.

With that, I did not ask them to canvass all their members at this point.

Ron Glen (CEO of ARHCA) will try to get back to me, but he is on holidays with spotty cell coverage. I don't think he would have much more than these guys who are actually part of the companies who have our contracts.

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Hello,

I have not called ARHCA specifically as my ADM construction and maintenance advises that neither our HMCs (highway maintenance contractors) or companies we hire to build roads have tow trucks as this is specialized equipment not needed by them in their normal work.

My counterpart in Sask indicated the same – while they do this work in-house, they do not have tow trucks.

I am waiting for a follow-up confirmation from my counterpart in BC – they outsource their work as we do, and she suspects the situation may be the same as it relates to not having tow trucks, but will get back to me if she finds out anything different.

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Good morning
On oil sands resources, I have not called externally, but our internal view is that the type of resources sought are most likely all contacted as opposed to own by the oil sands companies. I can do more validation if desired but I am fairly confident in this view
On oil field service companies, I spoke confidentially with the association lead, her sense was the same as mine that while they may have equipment, they are most likely unwilling to assist. If there is a desire though to get contact info from the association which the mounted police can use, let me know. It appears that some of the oil field service companies are on the "have called list".
Let me know if more needed
Grant

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Further to the discussion we had on tow trucks, attached is the list of AB companies that the RCMP has contacted.

As discussed here is the follow up:

- JSG will go through this list and follow up with the few operators that didn't flat out say 'no' to the RCMP
- Grant will follow up with energy companies and related industry contacts
- Rae-Anne will contact her counterparts in BC and SK, contact road builders, and, look into purchasing tow trucks for the GOA
- Brandy will contact municipalities to see if they might be able to loan equipment.

In addition to purchasing tow trucks, maybe there is an option to lease? This might be a quicker option? Rae-Ann can you look into this as well?

If you could report back by mid afternoon tomorrow I can put together a collective response that we can send to Ray.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

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